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In re Patent Application of

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For: METHOD OF PREPARING IRON-  
BASED COMPONENTS

) **Mail Stop RCE**

) Group Art Unit: 1742

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This is a reply to the final Office Action dated October 19, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time (second and third months) is submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: